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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

## Degree reports speed process

By CHAD HAYWORTH

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In an effort to streamline the advising part of the enrollment process, Dr. Eugene Mouser, the College's registrar, began implementing the Degree Audit Report System (DARS) in 1990.

"It was a big job to enter all the majors in," he said. "So, I started with the school of technology in the fall of 1990 and added from there."

Mouser first saw the DARS system at a registrar's meeting and convinced the College to purchase the program from its designers at Miami (Ohio) University.

"We want to better inform the students of their progress toward graduation," he said. "This is really a very valuable tool for advisers to use."

Mouser said the printout from the system could make the application-for-graduation process simpler as well.

"We hope it will become quicker and easier to tell if a student has met all of the requirements for graduation by looking over the printout," he said.

The College bought the program in 1989, but the input of the graduation requirements for each different major took some effort on both the part of Mouser and each department head.

"In programming terms, this is an 'engine' program," he said. "You have to tell the program what you are wanting to do and what information you have to do it with."

Mouser said advisers who have used the printout find it helpful.

ADMISSIONS

## Springfield reception to woo high school seniors

### Southern hopes to offer alternative close to home

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

Springfield students who plan to attend college but do not want to go to Southwest Missouri State University will be presented another option next week.

A Missouri Southern recruiting/information reception will be held from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday at the University Plaza Center in Springfield. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni will participate.

"We are trying to make the students and the parents in Springfield aware of Missouri Southern," said College President Julio Leon. "We feel that Missouri Southern may be an

excellent opportunity for those who do want to go away, since it is just one hour by the interstate."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said the Springfield reception is the first of its kind for the College.

"We are trying to make it as convenient as possible [for high school students]," Dolence said. "We want to answer their questions. This is not going to be a high-pressure sales thing."

While there will be no formal program at the reception, there will be displays set up for admissions, financial aid, and the residence halls.

In addition, several campus organizations will be represented.

In the past Southern has attended various college days at Springfield area high schools, but because many students cannot get released from classes to talk with the recruiter, Dolence said this reception is the best way to get the information to them.

"Very seldom will they take time out of their classes," Dolence said.

"Our recruiter can talk to them before school, during lunch, and after school."

"This way, we will be there long enough for parents to drop by after work."

Dolence said Springfield was chosen as the first site due to the sheer number of potential recruits.

There are approximately 1,500 high school seniors in the five public high schools, the Catholic school, and the Greenwood Accelerated School.

"We are not that far from Springfield," Dolence said. "We had an excellent opportunity to make a presentation."

"Depending on the percentage that decide to go on to college, we are looking at some good numbers. A lot of private schools have gone to this kind of recruiting."

"It is a good way of providing more and better information than driving in and seeing someone one minute before class."

Leon estimates the cost of the venture to be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. This includes the advertising, room rental, and food for the reception.

"We hope for an increased awareness," he said. "It seems like a logical alternative in my opinion."

In addition to the evening reception, Southern has placed advertisements on two Spring-

field radio stations to run prior to the event and will advertise this weekend in the Springfield News-Leader.

These advertisements, which normally run throughout the year, instead will be concentrated before and after the reception.

Leon said Southern will analyze the success of the reception, and each high school student who attended will be asked to fill out a response card.

He said other evening receptions probably will not be held.

"Springfield was natural because it was so close," Leon said.

"We do not want to get into the business of recruiting students simply to have people."

"We have to continue to concentrate on serving our area, and we consider Springfield to be in our area."

"[We will be reviewing] all institutions that participate in the so-called student aid program," McClain said. "The effort is noble. The effort is to see that the consumer is being protected."

The CBHE will receive some federal money to handle its new job.

"Initially, we requested \$129,000 for planning," McClain said.

"The on-going appropriation will be in the neighborhood of \$600,000 to \$700,000."

McClain said students will see significant benefits from the effort.

"If it works [students] will benefit," he said. "If there are a lot of student complaints about the fact that they didn't get a good education or they feel they did not get their money's worth, there will be a state agency that the feds can say 'Hey, go in and look at that school.' [The school] then has to present evidence that the money they have been spending from tuition is producing results."

McClain said the CBHE hopes to have planning completed by June 30, 1994. The program should be implemented in fiscal year 1995.

"Even after Dr. Belk retired and he would attend Missouri Southern events, the two of them would be there."

Messick, who served as Belk's secretary from 1982 to 1990, said Mrs. Belk loved to talk to people.

"Nancy never met a stranger," Messick said. "She would always visit with you and always talk."

Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center, said Mrs. Belk's personality showed in her actions.

"They would come to all of the home football games," Dolence said. "We used to tease Nancy that she needed to watch the game, because she loved to visit."

"They would ask her 'Who's

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

Funeral services were held yesterday for the wife of a former Missouri Southern vice president.

Nancy Belk, wife of Dr. Floyd Belk, former vice president for academic affairs, died at 11:50 a.m. Monday at St. John's Regional Medical Center following a cancer-related illness.

Mrs. Belk was born on July 17, 1929, and was a life-long resident of Joplin. She attended Joplin Junior College and Buffalo (N.Y.) University. Mrs. Belk retired in 1990 after working eight years as a real estate agent at Century 21.

Mrs. Belk, past president of the Missouri Southern Faculty Wives, served on the steering committee for the Byers Avenue United Methodist Church Family

Life Center. Friends remember her fondly. "She always placed an importance on being together," said Nancy Messick, secretary to the academic vice president. "They

always did things as a couple. They both tried to represent each other."

College President Julio Leon agreed.

"There wasn't a College function that Dr. Belk attended that she wasn't there with him," Leon said. "It showed how much she supported him and Missouri Southern."

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- 3** 10/25/93 LOT 38 11:57 a.m. Jason Ansley reported his car, a 1981 Toyota Corolla, had been struck while parked. Information regarding a suspect is unknown.

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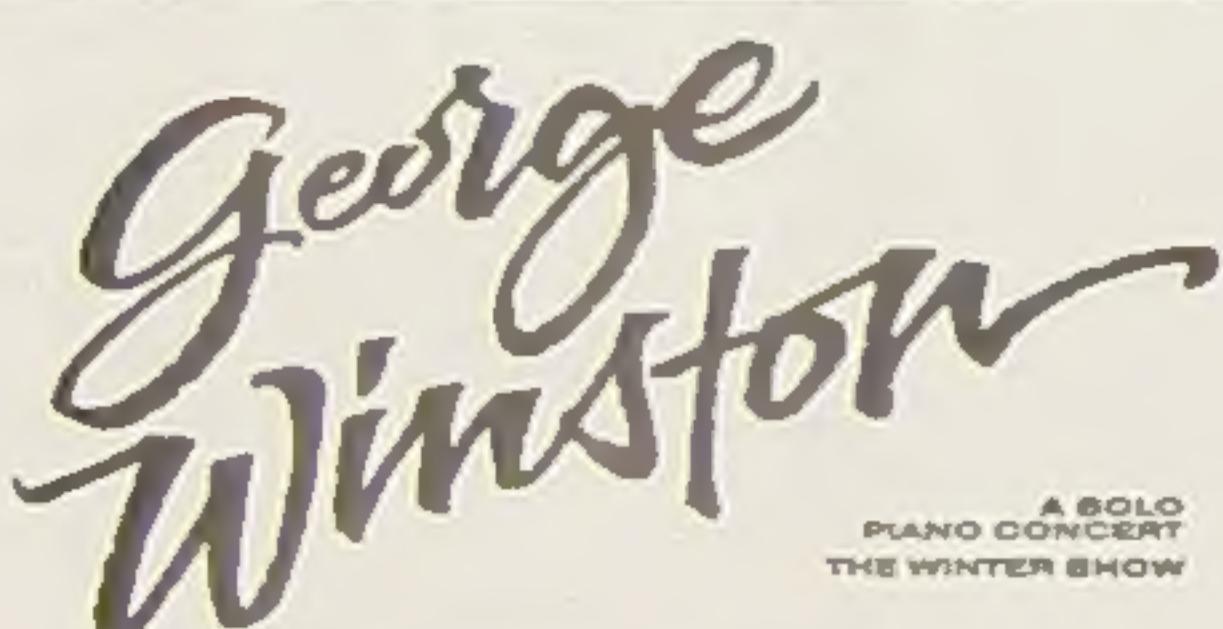
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## BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

**Resource center opens****Two schools share in venture**

By JENNIFER SEXTON

STAFF WRITER

In an effort to unite the school of business and the school of technology, a business and technology training and resource center has been formed at Missouri Southern.

"We are very excited and pleased," said Dr. Jack Spurin, dean of the school of technology. "We just announced this [project] at an administrative council meeting."

The training and resource center is open and available to local industries and the community from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located in Matthew Hall, Room 108.

"I think the center will be a vehicle of coordinating resources for local industries," said James Gray, dean of the school of business. "The center will benefit area industries and anyone wanting to take advantage of the center."

In the past, the two schools have completed various commun-

nity projects centered around the Small Business Center, such as MO PAC (Missouri Procurement Assistance Centers) and a business and economic review published quarterly by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Each issue contains local economic indicators and articles of interest to local business people. The bureau also maintains a data bank of economic statistics.

Total quality management is also offered by the Small Business Center. TQM assists area organizations in their quest for continuous improvements of products, processes, and services to enhance quality while reducing the cost. The Small Business Institute, which allows students to consult with small businesses who request assistance, is available within the center.

In addition to the center itself, the Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center, a federally funded organization, will be initiated into the center.

"MAMTC is something really new for us," Gray said. "It is a federal program that we will be adding to our research center allowing us to work with companies interested in implementing

total quality management."

An MAMTC representative will be on campus two days a week, calling on local industries and trying to help them deal with their particular problems.

"We are trying to set up mechanisms to better serve companies and industries," Gray said. "There is a need for training tapes that small business organizations may or may not have the money for, but four or five companies may be able to go together and purchase the tapes and put them in our center making us responsible for them."

Thus far the training center has a collection of at least 200 books, informative magazines, and other literature; more than 100 VHS tapes; research assistance; training equipment; overhead projector flip charts; and meeting facilities.

The training and resource center plans to offer a variety of training services for industries based on their particular needs.

The business and technology training and resource center is totally funded by outside sources and the federal government.

The center is staffed by student employees of Missouri Southern.

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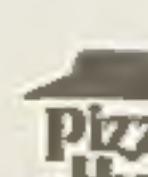
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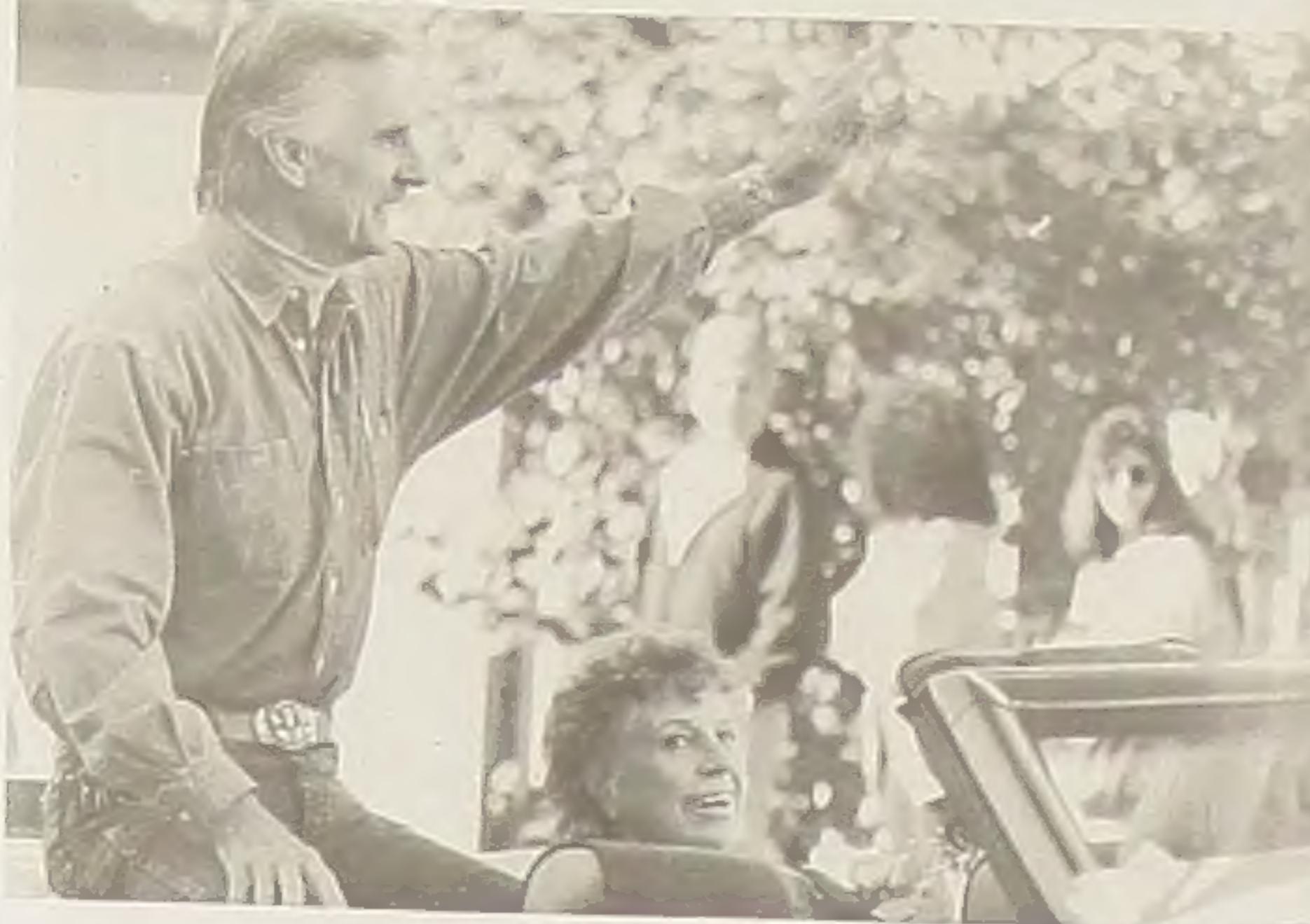
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## SMILE AND WAVE



TV star and former Joplin Junior College student Dennis Weaver waves during the Homecoming parade.

## BOOKSTORE

**Taylor undertakes double duty**By ANDREW WUCH  
CHART REPORTER

**W**hen it comes to double duty, Steve Taylor knows as much as most people.

Taylor, who took over as bookstore manager Oct. 1, also serves as business manager for the athletic department.

"I first started working here (the bookstore) in '76, but after nine months I transferred to the business office," he said.

In his new position, Taylor serves as an auxiliary accountant in the bookstore. He oversees the bookstore's operations in addition to assisting the athletic department.

His former position involved preparing financial statements and the payroll and giving reports about the finances of the College.

Last spring, Taylor started to assist the athletic department in preparing its books for the NCAA.

"I love sports, and this was a

great way for me to help the athletic department," he said. "In the past, when the NCAA audited the athletic department, they were not prepared. Now that is my job."

The time demand between his work in the business office and the athletic department was becoming too much, Taylor said.

"This position is perfect," he said. "It allows me to work here half the day and then work in the athletic department the rest of the day."

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**A**n assessment of Missouri Southern alumni is rapidly reaching its final outcome.

Results from a survey conducted over the summer should be completed late this semester.

The survey targeted alumni who entered Southern from 1986 to 1987 and graduated after 1989.

"This survey was a duplicate of a survey the Coordinating Board for Higher Education conducted last year," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. "Because our sample group in that survey was small,

we decided to use the same target group and conduct another survey."

Honey said the results will be compiled by American College Testing and then will be compared to the CBHE survey.

"It can't be an exact comparison, because ours is one year later," she said. "But in talking with ACT, some generalizations about the results can be reached."

Three hundred and sixty-five alumni were contacted for the survey, with 150 returning the survey.

Honey said she was not disappointed with the 41 percent return rate.

"Particularly with alumni, [ACT] told us not to expect a

great deal," she said, "because it is difficult to keep track of them."

The survey asked a variety of questions concerning employment history and experiences, education outcomes and experiences, activities, and organizations.

Once this survey is completed, Honey will compare the results to other surveys conducted by her office.

"We tried to do the same subgrouping of the data so that we can develop some trends," Honey said. "We should have a good enough sample that we can have some good information come out of the survey."

The alumni survey cost approximately \$900.

## - TURNER HEART FOUNDATION

**Board appoints Campbell**By JESSICA HYATT  
CHART REPORTER

**I**ncreasing awareness of the No. 1 killer in the Ozarks is important to Missouri Southern's Jean Campbell.

Campbell, promotions director for the College's telecommunications system, is a board member of the newly-formed Turner Heart Foundation.

The foundation, formed by Dr. Glenn O. Turner of Springfield, is a non-profit organization developed to improve cardiovascular education and care in the Ozarks.

"In the past three years, I have had the occasion to study Dr.

Turner's career and to become acquainted with his passion for educating the public regarding heart attack and heart disease," Campbell said.

The foundation has seven main objectives, including the development of a heart attack registry to aid long-term follow-up on heart attack patients,

increased training for healthcare professionals, and the establishment of the Turner Heart Foundation Cardiovascular Museum as an educational tool.

Campbell is one of nine board members appointed from throughout southwest Missouri.

"I have been asked to represent the Joplin area and to pro-

vide consultation and recommendations in the areas of communication and education," she said.

Other board members are Glen Blair, Camdenton; Dallas Vernon, Jr., Lebanon; Jack Bridges, Republic; Gary Brown and Alice Roam, Richland; John Q. Hammons, Springfield; and Oswald Franz, Thayer.

"My fellow board members are distinguished individuals who are known for their service and generosity," Campbell said, "and I look forward to serving with them."

Campbell is also adviser to Crossroads: The magazine.

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## SPENCER'S SLANT



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Looking to assist  
Almost everyone wants their story told

Recent developments in my life have caused me to step back and rediscover just why I decided to pursue a journalism career.

It all goes back to my senior year in high school, 1989-90, when the Berlin Wall came down. I thought it would be a dream job, to be there and report on what was happening.

I wanted to be able to see things happen, and then tell the stories for people who could not be there.

When I got to Missouri Southern, I was determined to write for *The Chart* and get as much experience as I possibly could. Since then, I have quickly moved up the ladder at the newspaper from staff writer to one of the top-three editors.

With each move up the editorial ladder, I have gotten more involved in the paper, until friends sometimes joke that I should just move into Webster Hall. They ask me why I spend so much time at *The Chart*, spending 60 hours a week or more working on each issue.

I would tell anyone that the people I meet while working on my stories make it all worthwhile.

Two years ago I was able, with the help of P.J. Graham, to do two "A Closer Look" series—one on small towns in southwest Missouri, the other on the plight of migrant Hispanic workers in Newton and McDonald counties. While working on these pages, I met many men and women who had very interesting stories to tell. I also discovered just where in

McDonald County the town of Split Log is located.

Through "A Closer Look" series on domestic violence I tried to bring the stories of women who are abused either by their husbands or boyfriends to light. I met women with tremendous courage, and found that I was being helped along with the readers.

In this issue, I take a look at Futures, a welfare assistance program which helps men and women who are receiving AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children). This is a wonderful program which has helped many find the support to return to school and eventually gain enough support to leave the "welfare rolls."

In this series, you will meet four Southern students, who through courage and determination, are using the assistance they receive to make a better life for themselves and their children.

Through these stories, I have been able to learn more about myself and grow as a writer.

Even in times of controversy and turmoil at *The Chart*, I just continue to do my job, hoping that one of the news stories we write helps one person.

As a senior preparing to graduate in July, I am not as idealistic as I was when I was preparing to leave high school, although I still have many of the same goals.

I hope that I am able to not only see something and tell it to others through my words, but I hope that readers can use what I write in a positive way.

## OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned Editorials on this page express the opinions of The Chart staff. Opinions elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Springfield: Recruiting effort should bring a positive response

Recruiters from Missouri Southern headed toward Springfield next week should keep one eye on the road and one on their expense account.

There is no argument against the College attempting to attract some of the approximately 1,500 high school seniors in the Springfield area. Only 70 miles away, Southern offers them an opportunity to go to school out of the city, yet it's not too far from home. They, in turn, bring in tuition money and the word-of-mouth recruiting that only current students can provide.

College officials say Springfield was the logical choice for Monday's recruiting/information reception due to its proximity and accessibility from Southern.

With Southwest Missouri State University, Drury College, and Evangel College all also competing

for these potential students, it's no wonder the College will attempt to wow the seniors with full-page advertising in the *Springfield News-Leader* both before and after the reception.

College President Julio Leon says the price tag for this recruiting push could be as much as \$5,000.

While that may seem like a large chunk of money to some to spend for a one-time deal, the College may likely see some positive response and increased numbers of incoming freshmen from the Springfield area.

We just hope that when the final tally is taken, the cost and effort prove to be worthwhile.

The College also should not forget the high schools a little closer to home. While Springfield is indeed reasonably close, others also deserve our concerted attention.

## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## 'Crossroads: The Magazine' debuts in December

My name is Debra Schow, and I am the current editor of *Crossroads: The Magazine*. I am writing because lately my staff and I have been receiving some questions about last year's yearbook and the change to a magazine. I hope by writing this letter I will clear up these and any other questions concerning these two topics.

First, there is no longer a yearbook. It is gone, no more, adios, totally DEAD! The 1993 book was the last yearbook to be published for Missouri Southern. The '93 book is in and can be picked up in the *Crossroads* office in Webster Hall Room 337. You must have been a full-time student both semesters last year to receive a copy.

The book has been replaced by *Crossroads: The Magazine*. The magazine will feature many special activities on campus plus any organization's activities (provided they contact us and tell us about these activities), sports, and a few "regular" columns, all of which you will find in the first issue due out in December of this year.

Secondly, we will include individual pictures in the issues for this year. We took photos earlier this year in September. We are offering retakes Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 306 of the Billingsly Student Center. If you missed them before, here's your chance to show off your face in the magazine.

Thirdly, for those who dislike the idea

of a magazine I just ask you at least to wait until you see the first issue to decide whether you really hate the change. I think many of you will be amazed to see what my staff and I are planning for our debut.

Hopefully this has helped answer some questions. If not, you can call me at the *Crossroads* office (625-9596, Ext. 596) or my adviser, Jean Campbell, at 625-9568, Ext. 668. We would be more than happy to answer any and all of your questions. Don't forget to pick up your copy of *Crossroads: The Magazine* in December!

Debra Schow  
Sophomore communications major



"I am opposed to censorship. Censors are pretty sure fools. I have no confidence in the suppression of everyday facts."

—James Robinson

has got to be something wrong with that statement or something we are doing!

One of the main criticisms that I have heard from students is that they don't know what is going on and when. Here are a few good words of advice: if you

want to know what's going on, LOOK at the BULLETIN BOARDS!!! That is the key to what's going on around campus.

I know it looks like the Campus Activities Board has a lot of money to spend, but if you were to look at it from our side, you would see that it is actually very limited. Until I worked with CAB, I didn't realize that the performers we get cost so much! Good advertising costs a lot too, but even more importantly it takes a lot more time and people than we have working with us.

Another criticism I often hear concerning CAB is that we don't do things that a lot of students like or that the events are at bad times. In regard to this statement, I would like to invite anyone and everyone to make suggestions as to what you would like us to do and when the best times to do them are. I also invite you to attend the Campus Activities Board meetings

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## THE CHART

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## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

**Learn from experiences**

High GPA important in job search, but involvement in community, school vital

By BRYAN VOWELS

ASSISTANT NATIONAL BANK EXAMINER

*[Editor's note: Vowels is a 1992 graduate of Missouri Southern with a B.S. in economics and finance.]*

Cutbacks, hiring freezes, downsizing, a sluggish economy. These have been the headlines in the news over the past few years. Yes, it is true, the job market for most professions is getting more and more competitive. Does this mean college students should give up hope of landing a job after graduation? No, it just means you have to work harder to obtain such a position.



Vowels

I am not an expert in obtaining employment. But I can share with you what I learned in going through the interview process and subsequently being hired as a bank examiner with the Department of Treasury.

MOLLY IVINS

**'Limbaugh misses the boat' with vulgar, cruel humor**

Little girls, homeless people in no position to answer attacks

Being attacked by Rush Limbaugh is like being gummied by a newt. The current champion of the ad hominem argument has seen fit to reflect on me because I quoted what I still think is one of the funniest examples of white-backlash thinking I have ever come across.



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The quote in question was the immortal observation, made by a Limbaugh listener at coffee group in Weatherford, Texas, in August, "Why, I agree with Rush that racism is dead. I just wonder what the niggers are going to find to complain about now."

This quote caused some Limbaugh "dittoheads," as he calls his followers (Do you suppose they are actually flattered by that?), to call, gobbling with

outrage, which seems to be a constant condition with many dittoheads, to demand how I dared accuse Rush of racism. Sigh.

What I really hold against Limbaugh is that many of the people who listen to him seem so singularly unable to reason their way out of a paper bag. Although we have no hard evidence of this as yet, I infer that this is a consequence of listening to The Master for several hours a day.

Perhaps it is not fair to hold a radio talk-show host responsible for the several idiocies of his listeners, so let's consider Limbaugh himself. Here is a Limbaugh joke: "Everyone knows the Clintons have a cat. Socks is the White House cat. But did you know there is also a White House dog?" And he puts up a picture of Chelsea Clinton. Chelsea Clinton is 13 years old.

Here is another joke told by Limbaugh on the air: He, Rush

Limbaugh, gets onto an elevator. The only other passenger is Hillary Clinton. She tears off all her clothes, throws herself on the floor, and begs him, "Rush, make a woman out of me." So Limbaugh tears off all his clothes, throws them at Clinton, and says, "Fold those."

Now, that's an old sexist joke (you get more points for originality in the humor biz), and let's set aside, for the purposes of this argument, whatever respect might be deemed due a first lady. The object of this stale sexist joke, it seems to me, has by now earned, in her own right, the respect due a tremendously hard-working woman with a clear case of old-fashioned Methodist conscience. That there is an enormous amount of crude and licentious humor spread about Hillary Clinton (another reason to be grateful for the fax machine) reflects, I think, more on the spreaders than on her.

It's not that I believe in the crime of lese-majeste; I'm a believer in the American tradition of making fun of those who

And most likely, interviewers will see through it when they begin firing questions at you. These activities provide you with an education you can not get in the classroom. They teach you about leadership, communication skills, working with others, plus several other valuable lessons about life.

When you get to the interview, try to remain relaxed and project confidence in yourself. Having options, such as other interviews lined up or graduate school in the back of your mind, will help you keep this one job interview in perspective. It is important to prepare for your interview, but it is also good to have the attitude that if I do not get this job, life will go on.

The more you get involved in during college, the more you will have to talk about during your interview. Being able to easily answer open-ended questions, such as "What did you do in college?", will show your interviewer that you took control of your own destiny and made things happen.

College is the perfect place to challenge yourself and try new things. You will be amazed at what you can do when you set goals and work hard to accomplish them. So get involved in college and in life.

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*El reino de este mundo* is about a black king of Haiti, Henry Christopher, who, after independence around 1804 enslaved his own people. The protagonist of the novel, a black slave called Ti Noel, wondered about a black king who chose to enslave his own people instead of freeing them when the opportunity arose. Today, the Haitians wonder, like Ti Noel two hundred years ago, about their destiny, and still try to change the bloody legacy of "Papa Doc" Duvalier and its mixture of voodoo and politics.

In a statistical report prepared for the Lausanne II Evangelical Congress in 1989 comes the following data about Haiti: birth rate per 1,000 pop.: 36.0; under 5 mortality per 1,000 pop.: 176; life expectancy 53 years; percentage of FAO calorie requirement: 83; average income per capita: \$360; literacy rate: 35 percent. The numbers speak for themselves.

Jorge L Borges, one of the best Latin American writers, said

that "perhaps universal history is nothing else than the history of a few metaphors." Perhaps we should follow Borges to understand the violence of Haiti; to make a metaphorical approximation to a history of violence, where cultural aspects should not be overlooked.

There is a tendency to address international problems with a straight-forward logic.

It may not apply always, especially in the presence of different beliefs and visions of life. The writers from the region have already used the cultural elements of people to create a literature that accounts for one of the best in the world, and to grasp partially a reality that escapes logic. The success rested just in the marvel and magic of what was presented in the works of writers like Carpentier, Asturias, Garcia Marquez, and others.

Perhaps we should follow the example of the writers to understand what seems to be part of the magic and the unreal of Haiti problem. When we come to this point, literature is the vehicle to penetrate a reality that escapes logical facts.

## FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA

**Literature penetrates reality**

By RODOLFO SCHWEIZER  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Matthew 25:37-40 says: "And the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When

did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

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Trying to get people to notice the hilarity of politics has long been a cause of mine. But did you ever stop to think about why P.J. O'Rourke is so often funny and Limbaugh so often is not? Aside from the fact that O'Rourke has more wit and style, it really is a difference in targets.

Liberal pomposity and self-righteousness are more than fair game. Hypocrisy on all sides is a rich, ripe, inviting target.

But little girls, dead people, the homeless, and animals really aren't in much of a position to answer back.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

**Scorned wife's plot to kill ex-husband fails when gunman, victim become beer buddies**

By CHUCK SHEPHERD

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

In July, JoAnn Suggs was convicted in Raleigh, N.C., of hiring Bill Bateman to kill her estranged husband, J.R. The plot failed because of Bateman's lack of temperament for the job.

Testifying in the case, Bateman said he pulled a gun on Suggs one night at Suggs' condo, but put it away and eventually even helped Suggs unload the groceries from his car. Suggs offered Bateman a beer, and the two talked into the night. After being implored by JoAnn by telephone to get on with the job, Bateman tied Suggs up with stereo wire, but then resumed talking. Bateman then put his hands around Suggs' neck but, when Suggs objected, Bateman said he was only applying a pro wrestling "sleeper" hold. Then the two drove around and talked some more over beers. Bateman and JoAnn kept in telephone contact; she became increasingly exasperated that Suggs was still alive. Finally, JoAnn met the

two men and implored Bateman to shoot Suggs, who had been placed in the trunk of the car. Bateman closed his eyes and fired several shots at the trunk, wounding Suggs in the hand.

**PEOPLE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS**

In August, Dorolou Swirsky, 83, told the San Francisco Chronicle she is planning to give the city of Sunnyvale, Calif., \$500,000 from her estate to finance youth sports activities, which she views as the key antidote to delinquency. She particularly wants the money to go toward interscholastic lawn bowling, which she said "embraces everything that holds a family together."

The Baltimore Sun reported in June that New York City artist Todd Alden recently asked 400 art collectors worldwide to send him samples of their feces so he can offer them for sale in personalized tins. Said Alden, "Scatology is emerging as an increasingly significant part of

artistic inquiry in the 1990s." The feces of Italian artist Piero Manzoni, canned in 1961, recently sold for \$75,000.

Cox News Service reported in August that Mexican professional wrestler Gerardo Palomero, who works in a mask, colorful tights, and a cape under the name Super Animal, has taken to charging into Mexico City slaughterhouses in costume to challenge workers to treat animals humanely. Said one worker, "We just wish he would come in a respectable suit." Another costumed wrestler, Super Barrio, similarly defends tenants' rights and works in AIDS education.

In June, around 200 "angelologists" held the second American conference on Angels in East Falmouth, Mass. The organizer, K. Martin-Kuri, said attendees believe that each person on earth has a guardian angel who improves that person's life in many ways.

Neil McKerracher, mayor of Calmar in Alberta, Canada, held the town's first Heterosex-

ual Pride Day in June to combat the Gay Pride Day in nearby Edmonton. McKerracher said there would be no parade or other festivities but urged the town's straight residents to celebrate with plenty of sex.

The Albany (N.Y.) Times Union reported recently that Stella Downing, 81, had just sold her 167-piece collection of bedpans and urinals, to be housed in a museum in Missouri. The oldest, made of tin, is from the 16th century.

In June, a show in High Falls, N.Y., featured the paintings of Kansas City, Mo., artist Reena Schultz, who says her works were inspired by her communing with famous dead artists (Van Gogh, Renoir, Picasso, Chagall, Rembrandt, Holbein, and Da Vinci), whom she reached after suffering several out-of-body experiences following a car crash in 1989. She said she has no talent for art but depends entirely on the artists' guidance as to colors, brushes, and design.

In July, after two years of haggling with a New York art

dealer, the National Gallery of Canada announced that it had acquired, for \$1.6 million, a painting titled "No. 16" by American abstract impressionist Mark Rothko, which consists of two white rectangles on a red background. Its original price was more than \$4 million.

In May, biology professor George Hunt of the University of California-Irvine led a field trip to the Channel Islands near Oxnard, Calif., where he had originally spotted what he called "lesbian sea gulls" in the 1970s. Hunt had reported then that 14 percent of the 1,200 gull pairs he studied were lesbian. He admitted that he cannot tell males and females apart, but inferred because of the larger number of eggs in some nests that the hatching pair of gulls on those nests were both female.

**INEXPLICABLE**

In Mebane, N.C., in August, a man reported that someone stole his dog from his backyard but left another one in its place. Also that month, in King, N.C., Steve Szabo reported that some

one broke into his home, took his VCR and VHS tapes, and took 34 comic books from his collection and replaced them with 34 others.

The Wichita Falls (Texas) Times Record News reported in July that David Garza of Henrietta, Texas, has collected 75 ballpoint pens that he says floated into his toilet from sewer lines over the past two years. Neither he nor sewer company authorities offered an explanation.

**I DON'T THINK SO**

Archie Calvin Whitehurst, 28, was arrested at the Mission Boulevard Convalescent Hospital in San Jose, Calif., in August, and charged with having sex with the body of a woman who had died eight hours earlier. According to police, Whitehurst at first appeared not to have known the woman was dead; when police asked him what he had done, he blurted out that he had not raped the woman but that she had consented to sex.

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which are held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in Billingsly Student Center Room 310 (refreshments are served).

Without input from students,

the best we can do is try a variety of different programs at a variety of times. We try to schedule events on the days and at the times that have worked best in past situations, but at

the same time we try to schedule them at a variety of days and times so students that can't attend some events will have a chance to attend others. It is impossible to schedule events

that everyone likes and everyone can attend. By attending our meetings, students can help us to choose events and advertise them more effectively.

The point of what I have writ-

ten is not to blame anyone for what has been said, nor is it to try to take blame away from CAB. I am simply trying to let all of our students know that we need your help to do things the

way you want them done. We need input from you to know what you want. That is the only way we can serve you best. (The CAB office is in BSC Room 100. Our phone number is 625-9669.)

# AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1993

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	F	S
			28	29	30
31	1	2	3		

### Today 28

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall (Apt. B)  
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 303  
12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Colloquium on Writing Assessment, BSC third floor

### Tomorrow 29

8 p.m. to Midnight—Mystic Halloween Dance, Costume contest with prizes, door prizes, and free Mystic drinks, Lions' Den.

### Saturday 30

1 p.m.—Lions Football vs. Washburn, Topeka, Kan.

### Sunday 31

Halloween  
Daylight Savings Time, set clocks back one hour.  
"Photospova '93" through Nov. 28.

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," Newman Road United Methodist Church.

### Monday 1

1 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 303  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 303  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Faculty Senate, BSC 303  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 304  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 303  
4 p.m.—Springfield Recruiting trip, University Plaza Hotel.

### Tuesday 2

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.—VICA Conference, BSC third floor.

Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 303

Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306

Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 314

Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 301

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 310

7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church

7:30 p.m.—CAB lecture, "Whoever Fights Monsters" with Robert Ressler, FBI criminologist, BSC Connor Ballroom.

### Wednesday 3

Noon to 1 p.m.—Baptist Students, BSC 301

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—CAB, BSC 301

5:30 p.m.—Student Senate, BSC 301

5 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 301

### Nov. 6

7:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Kappa Delta Pi Regional Conference, BSC 2nd floor.

### Nov. 8

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Academic Policies, BSC 306

7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB Movie "Aladdin," BSC 2nd floor lounge.

### Nov. 9

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Business Economics Lecture, BSC Connor Ballroom.

#### CAB LECTURE

## FBI criminologist fights 'monsters'

Ressler reflects on years spent arresting killers

By P.J. GRAHAM

STAFF WRITER

**A**lthough the public may not know Robert Ressler, the public does know the people he has devoted his life to putting behind bars.

Ressler, criminologist and author, will give a lecture and slide presentation focusing on his work and crime in society at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. There is no admission charge to the lecture, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Ressler's work was the basis for the Oscar-winning film *Silence of the Lambs*, and he is also credited for coining the phrase "serial killer."

"I thought it was a subject people would be interested in—especially with all the names [he has worked with] being in the news," said Amy Love, CAB lecture chairperson.

Ressler, who worked in the FBI for 20 years, has been involved in the investigations and interviewing of such notorious criminals as Jeffrey Dahmer, Charles Manson, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and David Berkowitz (Son of Sam). He has written two textbooks, *Sexual Homicide: Patterns and Motives* and *Crime Classification Manual*, and released his autobiography, *Whoever Fights Monsters*, last year.

Ressler's agent, Bob Katz, said the lecture is not intended solely for criminal justice majors.

"It is a general audience presentation," he told *The Chart*. "Overall, it will attract a vast audience because of its sensationalistic topic."

Despite its "sensational" nature, Katz said Ressler's lecture is thoughtful.

"[He is] understated, but powerful," he said. "It is not a topic that needs to be demonstrative."

Katz believes the lecture and accompanying slide show should not be upsetting or too morose.

"It is not any more harsh than the daily TV news show," he said. "The subject is a chilling one—but an important one."

### Mardi Gras Madness '93 Winners Sweepstakes

Koinonia (253 points out of a total of 316)

#### Royalty

King Joe Swingle(RHA) Queen Carey Austin(SNA)

#### Campus Display

First: Education Students Organization Second: RHA

Third: LDSSA Fourth: LEX-Legal Studies Club

#### Float Competition

First: Koinonia Second: Alpha Sigma Alpha

Third: Society of Manufacturing Engineers

#### LET'S DANCE



More than 250 students and faculty attended the "Mardi Gras Madness" Homecoming dance. The dance was held from 8 p.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center, Joplin.

#### SIGMA TAU DELTA

## Society to sponsor contest

By SUSAN WATERS

STAFF WRITER

**T**he Sigma Tau Delta honor society is sponsoring a writing competition for freshmen English students.

"This competition emphasizes the importance of writing," said Dr. Doris Walters, honor society sponsor. "We want to encourage and recognize good writing at the freshman level."

The competition is open to students in English 101 and English 111 courses. Entrants do not have to be English majors.

"So far we only have a few entries," Walters said. "Nov. 5 is the deadline for submission. Many English faculty have reported that they have students interested in submitting something they wrote for an English assignment."

The only requirement for the

composition is that it be an essay. The essay cannot be fiction or any kind of creative writing.

Students need to submit a cover sheet along with the essay. The cover sheet should include the name of the student and the title of the piece. The title of the essay should not be placed anywhere else in the paper.

"The judges will not see the cover sheet, so they will only judge on the merit of the essay," Walters said.

The essay should be approximately two to four pages.

Students can put the entry in the box in the English office marked Sigma Tau Delta.

The winners will be announced at the end of November. There will be some kind of special recognition for each winner. First prize is \$50, second prize is \$25, and third prize is \$10.

#### CAB CONCERT

## Pianist to perform solo

By HEIDI WEAVER

CHART REPORTER

**H**e was influenced by blues, rock, R&B, and jazz.

George Winston will perform a solo piano concert, "The Winter Show," at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Webster Hall Auditorium. Tickets, \$14 and \$10 for Missouri Southern students, are available through the College ticket office in the Billingsly Student Center.

The concert is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

"The production company (Dancing Cat) that he works with has been calling us for ages and ages," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "They wanted an on-campus sponsor because they are not allowed to appear on campus without one."

Winston's style is described as rural folk piano. The concert will feature his own brand of pop instrumental music.

"It (Winston's music) is very

easy going; some of it is even comical," Carlisle said. "He has a great personality."

Winston has done the solo piano soundtrack for the production of "The Children's Story," "The Velveteen Rabbit," and for the "Peanuts" animation, "This is America, Charlie Brown—Birth of the Constitution."

Winston has released four solo albums: "Autumn" in 1980, "Winter Into Spring" and "December" in 1982, and "Summer" in 1991.

There is virtually no expense to the CAB, Carlisle said. The production company sent in most of the advertising and is reimbursing the CAB for almost everything.

"We have beefed up the advertising a little bit," she said. "CAB is also paying \$1 for every student ticket sold."

At Winston's request, there will be a canned food drive at the concert to benefit the Salvation Army. Containers for the canned food will be provided at the door.

#### CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

## BSC acquires microwave

By SCOTT STETTES

CHART REPORTER

**T**he Billingsly Student Center now has a new microwave in its snack bar.

The Student Senate decided to purchase the microwave due to complaints from students. In the past, students, specifically commuters, did not have a place to heat up their food.

"It's a pretty neat service," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "Students don't have to ask the kitchen service to use theirs."

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, was in charge of

the actual purchase.

"I shopped around for the most practical buy," she said.

The microwave, a Sharp model, has 800 watts, a dial timer, and a three-year limited warranty. The cost was \$325.

"It is a good idea because sometimes you want melted cheese on your sandwich," said Chad Wompler, a sophomore computer-aided drafting and design major. "This is an easy hassle-free way."

"It's great for commuters," said Shannon Beckham, a junior communications major from Joplin. "Mom's chicken soup tastes like it just came off the stove."

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### CAMPUS QUERIES

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"Why are there no racks to hang bookbags on in the Webster Hall bathrooms like there are in other buildings on campus?" —h.s.

"The architect didn't specify [for any]. But the custodians noticed we were lacking on this. I know they [racks] are ordered, and they will

be installed as soon as they get here." —Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant



Have a question about the Missouri Southern campus or College procedures? Send it to P.J. Graham, The Chart, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311, or fax it to 625-9742.

**ON CAMPUS**

Spiva Arts Center  
623-0833  
Through Nov. 28—Photospiro '93.  
Taylor Auditorium  
Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.—Missouri Southern Concert Chorale fall concert. With guest appearance by Monett High School and Mt. Vernon High School choirs.  
Practice begins for the Third Annual Handel's "Messiah," at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7. Practices continue until December. Persons interested should contact 625-9318 for more information.

**JOPLIN**

The Bypass  
624-9095  
Tomorrow—The Victors  
Saturday—Halloween party with Walking on Einstein  
Champs  
782-4944  
Tomorrow—Blues Blast  
ers  
Saturday—Karaoke Club 609  
623-6090  
Saturday—Magician Maxine Blade with pianist Pro Musica  
623-8865  
Nov. 9—Aureole, a flute, viola, and harp trio.

**CARTHAGE**

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre  
358-9665  
Nov. 5, and Nov. 19-21—  
The Diaries of Adam and Eve."

**NEOSHO**

Crowder College Theatre  
451-3223, Ext. 311  
7:30 p.m., Nov. 5, and 2 p.m., Nov. 7—"Daddy's Doin' Who's Got The Will?"  
Elsie Plaster Community Center

**SPRINGFIELD**

Springfield Ballet  
417-862-4343  
Nov. 12—Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Tickets \$10 and \$15.  
SMSU Theatre Department  
417-863-5979  
Nov. 4-7—"Johnny Moonbeam and the Silver Arrow."  
Shrine Mosque  
417-869-0529  
Tonight—John Anderson and Tracy Byrd.

**COLUMBIA**

The Blue Note  
Tomorrow—The Urge

**KANSAS CITY**

Coterie Theatre  
816-474-6552  
Through Nov. 7—"My Children! My Africal!"  
South African playwright Athol Fugard.

**St. Louis**

Mississippi Nights  
314-421-3853  
Nov. 9—An evening with Chick Corea.  
The Link's Club  
Oct. 29—Jackopierce  
The Westport Playhouse  
Nov. 7—David Lanz and Paul Speer  
Fox Theatre  
314-534-4678  
Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.—The Righteous Brothers  
Nov. 15, 8 p.m.—Meat Loaf. Ticket information 314-534-4111

**Wichita**

Century II  
Nov. 24—Pearl Jam with Urge Overkill

**LEARNING YOUNG**

Timothy Durbin, clinician with the Suzuki Violin Academy, works with students during a workshop Friday.

**PROMUSICA****Concert series brings classical music to area**

*By P.J. GRAHAM*

STAFF WRITER

**B**ringing the classics to an area lacking organized classical music presentations remains the idea behind ProMusica as it presents the St. Philip's Concert Series.

The series started earlier this month with the Borromeo String Quartet and will continue its five-concert program with the Aureole—flute, viola, and harp—at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church at Seventh Street and Byers Avenue. Cynthia Schwab, ProMusica's president, believes

there is a growing audience for classical music in the area and that the art form is far from outdated.

"We read books that were written in the past, and the books we read today were based on those," she said. "The same is for music."

This concert will be followed by the Mendelssohn String Quartet on Friday, Dec. 3; the Arden Piano Trio (violin, cello, and piano) on Friday, Jan. 28; and the St. Louis Brass Quintet on Tuesday, March 1. The series features chamber music—a small ensemble of musicians where the audience is close to

the musicians. Schwab said there are definite advantages of this form as opposed to larger symphonies.

"I'm not a musician, and I like to see the music performed up close," she said.

ProMusica, which is funded by the Mid-America Arts Alliance Program and by donations, hires musicians from across the U.S. and abroad to perform. Schwab said the concerts are finding an audience in Joplin.

"Interest has grown—the church is full at every concert," she said.

Schwab suggests not being intimidated about attending a

concert because of a lack of knowledge of classical music.

"You don't have to know about it; you listen and enjoy it—hear how beautiful it is."

All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. and have no admission fee.

ProMusica also will have three other special events for this season. The An Die Musik, a New York-based ensemble, will present "The Painter's Music, the Musician's Art" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 in Webster Hall at Missouri Southern. There will be a \$10 admission fee. The group will play pieces from Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, and Schubert.

On Friday, March 11, there will be an 8 p.m. performance by the Beethovenhalle Orchestra from Bonn, Germany. The show will be in the Taylor Performing Arts Center with admission ranging from \$10 to \$18.

At 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 at Southern's oval, there will be what Schwab suggests as a good family show; the Joplin PoPs program, performed by the Missouri Pops Orchestra.

The Joplin PoPs concert admission will be \$8.50 to \$10 and free to children under 12 years of age. For more information, people may call (417) 623-8865.

prose, poetry, programmed oral interpretation, and impromptu speaking. Gann will participate in prose, poetry, and programmed oral interpretation.

Morris said the tournament should have some "high-power" competition.

"The competition will be very good," he said. "Some powerful IE schools like Bradley and Kansas State University will be there."

They were the top two schools last year at the national sweepstakes. I'm talking about schools that will show up with 10 to 20 people, all of whom will be capable of winning their respective events."

**Squad hopes to 'get rolling' at WSU**

*By HONEY SCOTT*

STAFF WRITER

**T**he site of this year's national tournament, Wichita State University, is hosting a big individual events tournament this weekend.

"The individual events squad didn't go to Wichita State last year," said Eric Morris, forensics coach.

"We're going this year at the request of the team and because it's where the nationals will be. Tournaments at the site of the national tournament always draw more interest because people want to go and scope out the campus."

Four members from Missouri Southern will attend this weekend's tournament: Curt Gilstrap, junior marketing major; Kim Lawry, junior sociology major; Shannon Lightfoot, junior English major; and Heather Gann, freshman undecided major.

Gilstrap will compete in programmed oral interpretation, dramatic interpretation, after-dinner speaking, and duo with Lawry.

"This is the first major IE (individual events) tourney for our squad," Gilstrap said. "It's also the first real test. We're hoping to get some breaks and maybe advance people. It usually takes one or two major IE

tournaments for us to get rolling."

"Curt did well at SMSU (Southwest Missouri State University)," Morris said. "It was his first glance at the judges' reactions to his pieces. He's made some changes, and I think his entries will be primed and ready to go."

In addition to her duo with Gilstrap, Lawry will participate in programmed oral interpretation.

"I'm looking forward to my first IE outing this semester," Lawry said.

"I think our duo will do well. I'm hoping to get our first leg (to the national tournament) this weekend."

Lightfoot will compete in

**SHENANDOAH SINGERS****Group resumes rehearsals, prepares for possible tour**

*By JOHN ELLEDGE*

CHART REPORTER

**T**he Shenandoah Singers of Southwest Missouri has resumed fall rehearsals.

"It's an excellent group to be in," said director Charles "Bud" Clark, instructor of music at Missouri Southern. "It gives you a good chance to tour Europe."

Anyone can join with a minor audition. The group is for college-aged and older people.

"It is a new avenue to sing rather than in the church choir," Clark said.

The group has been in existence for about five years, but has become smaller recently. If

the group is big enough, it will tour Europe next summer.

"The money off of the concerts will help pay for part of the trip," said Clark, who became involved with the group this year when one of the members asked him to be the director.

Clark has directed community and school choirs in Sedalia and led barbershop quartets to place among the top 15 international. Currently, he conducts the Concert Chorale and Southern Exposure at Southern.

The Shenandoah Singers rehearses at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Elsie Plaster Community Center at Crowder College.

**THE CHART**  
will not be published  
next week. The next  
paper will come out on  
Nov. 11.

**LITERARY MAGAZINE****'Lion' taking entries**

**S**tudents looking for a writing or artistic outlet may find their niche in *The Winged Lion*.

The Missouri Southern literary magazine, a combination effort between the art and English departments, is currently taking art and creative writing entries for this year's edition.

"This magazine is a creative outlet for the Missouri Southern community," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, publication adviser. "It is almost all student submission, but sometimes staff will submit."

The magazine's editorial board is made up of students. The art in *The Winged Lion* does not necessarily coordinate with the literature—however, the departments do try to accomplish this.

"The art department has new capabilities on the computer," Dworkin said. "The art department can do new things with the layout."

Dave Noblett, associate professor of art, has been the *The Winged Lion* art adviser for the past two years.

The writing categories are poetry, fiction, drama, and creative non-fiction. The length should not be more than 700 words. A person need not be from the English department to contribute; all students, staff, and faculty of the College are encouraged to send in their typed entries.

"More than half of the entries come from the English department," Dworkin said. "We put up signs to make students aware of this publication."

"We accept a sixth to an eighth of the submissions. We usually receive about 50 to 100 submissions. The art is just as selective as the writing."

Writing entries must be submitted before Feb. 1 and should be placed in Dworkin's mailbox in the English office on the third floor of Hearnes Hall. If those submitting want their written entries judged anonymously, they may put their names on a cover sheet instead of the actual entry. However, all entries will be printed with the submitter's name.

# THE SPORTS SCENE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1993

**FOOTBALL**

## Southern travels to winless Washburn

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The No. 6 Missouri Southern football Lions will take an undefeated record on the road Saturday when they travel to Topeka, Kan., to take on the winless Washburn Ichabods.

Southern Head Coach Jon Lantz said although Washburn is winless, they are still potent.

"Their defense statistically is last in the league, but I think the condition of the field is going to help them some," he said. Washburn contracts its field to local high schools for Friday night football games that over the past couple of weeks have

damaged the field. "We've been expecting Mud Bowl 4 all along."

Southern enters the game with a 6-0-1 record, 6-0 in the MIAA, while Washburn is 0-7, 0-6.

Lantz said he is not worried about a let down from his team against the Ichabods.

"With three games to go, we've got plenty of focus," he said. "I don't subscribe to the theory that we have everything to lose, and they have everything to gain."

"I think another loss hurts them, and another win helps us. The MIAA championship is a lot to play for."

Lantz said Washburn has been successful offensively this season.

"They've moved the ball against everyone they've played against this season," he said. "They haven't always got the ball into the end zone, but they've moved the ball."

"They've got a lot of people on their roster that we'd love to have starting for us. They've had a lot of injuries that remind you of our season a year ago."

Last week, the Lions defeated Emporia St. 39-17 in the homecoming game. Southern led only 12-8 at halftime.

"I felt like we did what we had to do to win the football game," Lantz said. "This time it didn't happen until the third quarter."

The third quarter featured 27 Lion points and left the Hornets trailing 39-8.

### MO. SOUTHERN AT WASHBURN



WHERE: Moore Bowl/200, Natural Surface, Topeka, Kan.

RECORDS: Southern 6-0 (6-0), Washburn 0-7 (0-6)

LAST YEAR: Southern won 44-14 at Hughes Stadium in Joplin.

LAST WEEK: No. 6 Southern defeated Emporia State 39-17. Washburn lost to Missouri Western 41-13.

COACHES: Southern: Jon Lantz 28-15, 5th year. Washburn: Dennis Clegg 7-31, 3rd year.

LISTEN TO THE LIONS: KFSE AM 1310, FM 97.9, program 12:30 p.m.

"Probably the only low of the game was when we let down in the second quarter after leading 12-0," he said.

Defensive back Cedric Florence had a career afternoon, intercepting three passes in Lion territory to halt Emporia St. drives.

"It's one of the best games a defensive back has ever had for me as a coach," Lantz said. "I thought it was a shame he wasn't named MIAA player of the week, even though that is not what we're here for."

"But, if we're going to have the award, we ought to at least give it to the right player."

Gerald Brewer caught three touchdown passes and had 163 yards receiving in the game.

"We did that for Gerald, and for the team," he said. "We designed the game plan to decoy Rod Smith and it worked."



### CHAD HAYWORTH

## Florence got screwed; band much better

Cedric Florence's jaw must still be stinging. After the slap in the face the junior cornerback took from the MIAA, his whole head is probably ringing.

Florence gave one of the best defensive performances in Missouri Southern history and easily the finest of his college career. Consider these stats:

Three interceptions—two that led to Lion touchdowns, and one in the Emporia State University end zone; a fumble recovery, which also led to a Southern touchdown; and solid coverage all day long.

But he's not the MIAA defensive player of the week? Give me a break.

Let's look at the statistics of the guy who did win it, Northeast Missouri State's Jason Hendrix:

Eight tackles, a blocked punt, and one, I repeat, ONE interception.

You do the math.

Either someone in the MIAA office is simply blind, or Cedric got screwed. No two ways about it.

Maybe the most impressive feat Florence demonstrated Saturday was his ability to keep his mouth shut and contain himself.

Do you know how many unsportsmanlike conduct flags he garnered? Or how many unnecessary roughness penalties?

Zero.

For a spirited guy like Florence who sometimes lets his heart take over for his brain, that's a great sign. His outburst in weeks past could have cost the Lions dearly. Fortunately, they didn't.

Despite the lack of acknowledgement by the MIAA, I know who the best D-back in the league was last week and so do you.

CHALK ONE UP for the Lion Pride Marching Band, easily the class of Southern's Homecoming parade.

Since I was the first to publicly point out what I considered to be the band's shortcomings, I want to be the first to mark its performance Saturday.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention two other bands: Joplin High School, whose marching effort was outstanding, and Webb City Junior High, who played "Louie, Louie." If a band plays "Louie, Louie" in a battle of the bands, it almost always wins.

But it was not to be. Webb City placed second in the junior high category behind Carl Junction. Despite not competing for awards Saturday, the Lion Pride Marching Band was champs, hands down.

Its halftime show was superb. Members performed a new routine and a song that went with the whole Homecoming theme. Even Gerry Weaver, wife of Dennis, commented on how impressed she was with the quality of the marching band. Bravo!

I do have a question, though.

Why do all bands look so serious when they march?

Every band I saw Saturday looked as though it was marching off to its execution. Maybe it's just that band members are over-worked and under-appreciated. (Sort of like sports columnists, I suppose.)

**Chad Hayworth**

### EYES ON THE BALL



Missouri Southern senior Stacy Harter bumps the ball during Saturday's upset victory over Northeast Missouri State at Young Gymnasium. The Lady Lions compiled a 2-1 record during the weekend homestand.

### FOOTBALL

#### Southern 39, Emporia St. 17

(Saturday)

ESU 0-8-0-9-17

LIONS 12-0-27-0-39

First Quarter

LIONS — Rod Smith 17-yard pass from Matt Cook, kick failed (6-0)

LIONS — Gerald Brewer 10-yard pass from Cook, pass failed (12-0)

Second Quarter

ESU — Safety — Cook sacked in end zone (12-2)

ESU — Torri Allen 5-yard run, pass failed (12-8)

Third Quarter

LIONS — Thrower 14-yard pass from Cook, kick failed (18-8)

LIONS — Cook 1-yard run, Crader kick (25-8)

LIONS — Benson 2-yard run, Crader kick (32-8)

LIONS — Brewer 85-yard pass from Cook, Crader kick (39-8)

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ESU — Safety — G.W. Posey sacked in end zone (39-17)

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# A CLOSER LOOK

SECTION B

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1993

## *Reaching for the Stars*

### PROUD OF MOM



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Debbie Meyer, freshman criminal justice major, and her sons, 9-year-old Jake and 11-year-old Nathan, relax near the Stultz Memorial Garden following the Homecoming picnic Friday.

### Single parents use Futures to improve family outlook

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

By coming back to school, 31-year-old Debbie Meyer is making family history. When this freshman criminal justice major graduates, she will become the first person in her immediate family to receive a higher education.

Meyer, a single mother of two, has been involved with the Futures program for nearly a year. This is her second semester at Missouri Southern.

She discovered the Futures program while studying for her GED last November.

"I asked my caseworker about it and told her I was interested in it," she said. "Not very long after that, maybe a two- to three-month wait [I got into the program]."

Meyer has been on welfare assistance since 1984, when her husband went to prison.

"I had just had our second baby and did not know how to drive," she said. "After my husband got out of prison, he decided to move to divorced."

"I did get a cosmetology license when he was in prison and we were still married, but I never did go to work because of not being able to drive."

In August 1992 Meyer decided to return to school after receiving encouragement from her minister at Lifeline Full Gospel Fellowship in Joplin.

"My pastor was willing to encourage me and tell me things about myself that I had never known," she said. "She said things like 'You can do just about anything.' Things I needed to hear."

But there were a few things Meyer needed to finish before enrolling at Southern.

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### FUTURES

## Neil: 'We help them set their steps'

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

The Futures program provides welfare recipients a chance to reach their goals which can end their dependency on governmental assistance.

"We try to eliminate the barriers and help them (the clients) become self-sufficient," said Terri Neil, direct supervisor of Futures with the Jasper County Division of Family Services. "It is their goals we are working with."

"We help them set their steps."

Neil said the barriers can include problems with transportation, child care, and education.

"We work with them from the basic start to the basic finish," Neil said. "We help them develop themselves once they say 'Yes, it is time for me to make a change.'"

Futures, Missouri's answer to the Federal Family Support Act of 1988, provides education and job training to clients receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Futures began in July 1990 during a test situation in St. Louis and the boathill area of Missouri. The four-county area of Jasper, Barton, Newton, and McDonald counties became part of the program in January 1992. By October 1992 the program was enacted in the entire state.

### Who Is It Helping?



Individual cases currently in the Futures program components within Jasper, Barton, Newton, and McDonald

- 26 assessment with case manager
- 51 post-secondary education
- 29 vocational education
- 3 supervised job search
- 21 volunteer work
- 25 socialization activities
- 25 adult basic education

Source: Jasper County DFS

175 Futures clients in the four-county area.

The Futures program focuses on several different com-

ponents: adult basic education, post-secondary education, job skill training, job readiness training, job search assistance, on-the-job training, and community work experience program.

"We try to help them obtain work experience," Neil said. "We have volunteer sites which help them change their routines and develop new skills."

"This provides resume work experience and good references. It also improves self-esteem."

Neil said 60 percent of the Futures clients are in some type of educational program.

"It is not cost effective to get a minimum wage job and lose AFDC," she said. "If you have education, there are more opportunities."

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**STUDENT PROFILE**

# Gideon: 'They make my goals real'

## Mother of two looks for future in coaching jobs

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

**Y**vonne Gideon, junior physical education major, was already pursuing her educational dreams.

"They notified me through the mail and through an orientation at the College that I was eligible," Gideon said. "I was kind of resentful that they came to me and wanted me to get involved, because I was motivated and I was already working to do better for myself."

Gideon, a 28-year-old single mother, has been receiving assistance since 1987.

She started attending classes at Southern in 1989. She has two children, 10-year-old Melissa and 8-year-old Jaylon.

"I am a recovering addict, and I quit school a long time ago," Gideon said. "I got my GED when I was in treatment eight years ago. After treatment I decided to go back to school."

"It is kind of like when you have dreams and then you have to give them up for some reason. I'm picking up where I left off."

Gideon said she dreams of becoming a P.E. teacher for K-12.

She hopes to add a minor in Spanish so that she will be certified to teach it as well.

While she was resentful at first, Gideon said her participation in the Futures program has been "wonderful."

"They make my goals more real for me, and they push me," she said. "I saw my case worker two weeks ago, and I was really discouraged and started to cry."

"She put her arm around me and just comforted me."

Gideon said the workshops Futures holds have also helped her.

"It offers a lot of support," she said. "They had Miss America [1992 Debby Turner] come to speak, and she was a good motivator."

"It was really uplifting."

Gideon has her tuition paid through Pell and Missouri grants. Through Futures she has had help with child care and transportation costs.

"I got reimbursed \$5 per day that I attend school for gas," Gideon said. "I used to have to save aluminum cans for gas, and some days when I would have no money for gas, I would walk down and turn in the cans."

"That's how I got to school."

Gideon said her two children attend the School-plus programs sponsored in the Joplin schools by the Joplin Family Y.

"The program reimburses me \$15 per week for day care, three times a week after school," she said. "It also reimbursed me for the car work I had done."

Gideon has volunteered for the past year and a half at the Joplin Family Y.

"I did it partly for future resume stuff," she said, "and to get my foot in the door."

Gideon, who spends approximately four to eight hours a week at the Y, said it may hire her part-time in November. She also is employed through the work-study program at the child development center at Southern.

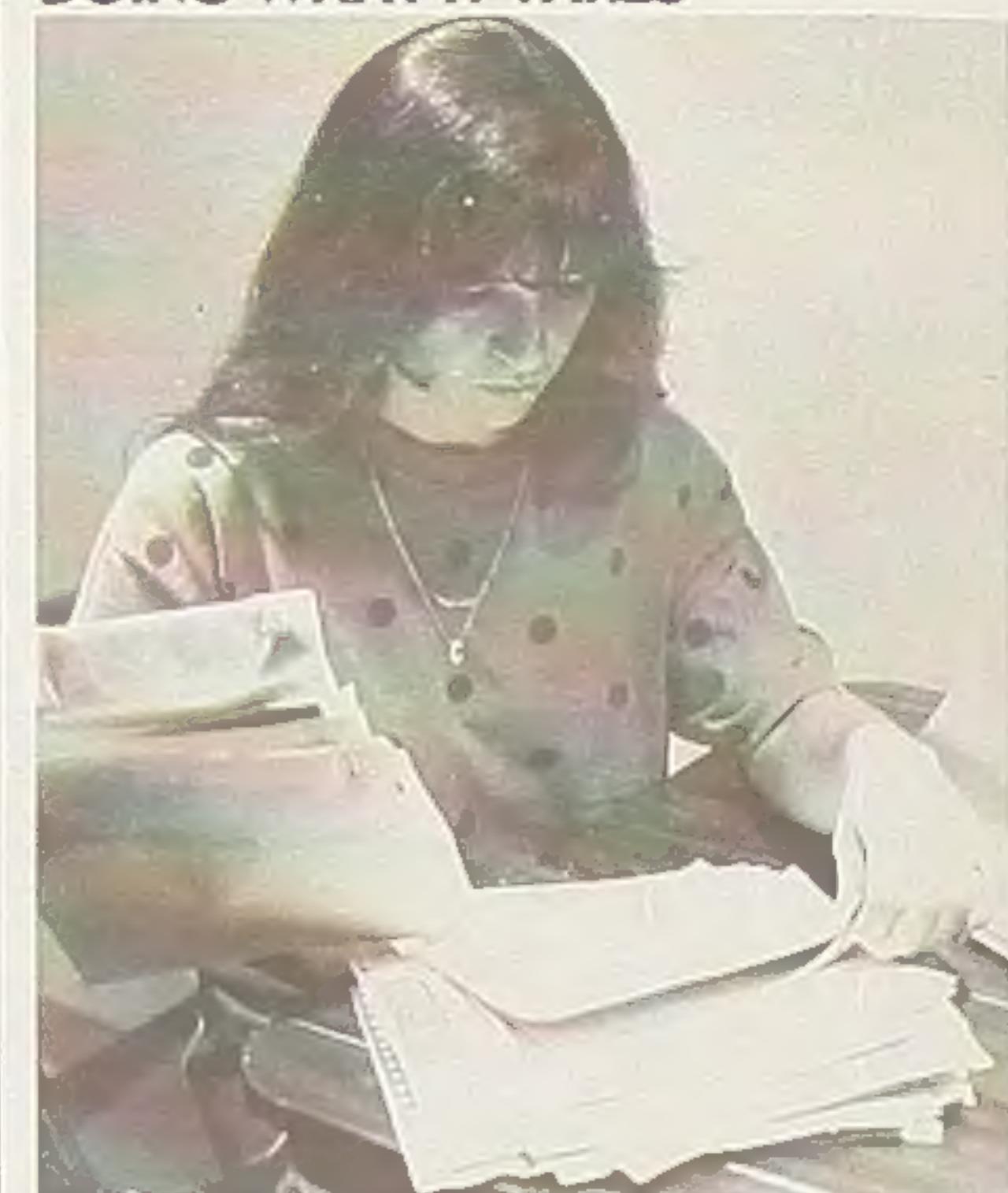
Gideon said her children have also benefited from the Futures program.

"There is more money coming into the house," she said. "We can do more recreational things. We might be able to rent a movie or go buy ice cream cones now during the week."

"By going to school I am a role model for my children. They might not have to grow up on assistance."

Gideon said she sits down

## DOING WHAT IT TAKES



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**Y**vonne Gideon, junior physical education major, volunteers at the Joplin Family Y each week to gain work-related experience.

with her children and works on her homework with them.

Gideon said her goal for right is "to be the best that I can be, and to get a job and not have to struggle anymore."

"That will be like an accomplishment," she said. "I've come a long way; my mom used to be on welfare, and I grew up poor."

"I just want more for me and my kids."

**STUDENT PROFILE**

# Nursing student says end of assistance near

## Community AIDS Project efforts spark future career alternatives

By KAYLEA HUTSON

MANAGING EDITOR

**B**eth\* plans to be on welfare assistance for only 18 more months.

This 30-year-old, junior nursing major, plans to graduate with an associate degree in nursing and a bachelor's in biology by May 1995 and pursue a nursing career.

While Beth has had a 4.0 grade-point average for the past seven semesters, she asked that her actual name be concealed.

"There is just so much bias and stereotypical discussion about welfare," Beth said. "I wouldn't want anyone think I was just getting a free ride."

"I have (one) professor who talks about welfare abuse and

how it can't get any better when it is so easy to get aid when people quit working."

Beth said she simply did not want to worry about instructors or classmates thinking less of her because she receives welfare.

"With my grades, I can show them at least that I think it is serious and not just an easy way out," she said.

Beth has not always received welfare. Prior to her April 1992 move back to Joplin, she was a single parent trying to work in Ohio while raising her daughter.

"I had a job and made enough money for rent, but with child care I couldn't afford it," Beth said. "I decided to move here to stay with my mom, and instead of working I

decided to go back to school."

After moving to Joplin, Beth had to apply for AFDC, and once she did that she discovered she was eligible for the Futures program.

"It is a great program," she said. "There are tons of incentives."

"It's been nothing but positive since then. If there is a reason that you wouldn't be able to continue your education or you wanted to quit, [the case managers] will help you."

Beth said had accumulated 60 hours prior to enrolling at Southern, but Futures has allowed her to return as a full-time student. While she gets her tuition paid through a College patron's scholarship and grants, Futures helps her with child care and many of the supplies she needs as a nursing major.

"It pays for the stethoscope,

uniforms, shoes, the shots, and other things," Beth said. "It also provides for a full day of day care as long as I am in school."

Although as a Futures participant she can qualify for \$5 a day for gas or financial assistance if her car breaks down, she does not ask for that help.

"My car is my responsibility even though it is kind of a clunker," Beth said. "I would feel bad if Futures took care of my car."

"But the hardship help is there for people who need it."

Beth receives almost \$45 each week to pay for day care through the child development center at Southern, considerably less than the almost \$90 a week she paid for day care in Ohio before she moved.

Beth said her 2-year-old daughter has also benefited from the Futures participation.

"It has definitely been good for her," she said. "She loves to go to school every day; I hope it stays that way."

"She loves to pick out what she is going to wear every day in order to show 'my teacher.'"

As a Futures participant, Beth has volunteered in various positions at the Four-State Community AIDS Project. Some of that volunteering has helped her decide what forms of nursing she would like to pursue.

"I would like to work with AIDS patients," Beth said. "I'd also like to work in the emergency room and surgery."

Beth said one of the best features about the Futures program is the case managers.

"I know that many times I have had questions and have had no qualms about calling my case manager," she said. "If she's not there, I just leave a message and she always gets back to me."

**STUDENT PROFILE**

# Mother of six becomes Head Start leader

By KAYLEA HUTSON

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**F**utures helped bring her out of her shell. For Janis Dillard, junior early childhood education major, her participation in Futures has been life-changing.

Since becoming a part of the program this year, Dillard, a 25-year-old mother of six, has increased her involvement with the Greenfield Area Head Start.

"[Futures] made me feel more confident," she said. "Now I am the chairman of the Greenfield Head Start, and I was elected to the policy committee in Springfield. Last night [Thursday, Oct. 21] I was elected as a member of the Missouri Head Start Parents Association."

Dillard said she will travel to Kansas City in December to represent the Springfield area.

"This program more or less

made me," she said. "A year ago I wouldn't have had enough courage to be on one of those boards."

Dillard became part of Futures when she and her husband separated.

"I lost my job and had to sign up for AFDC because I almost lost my house," she said. "I had to put my kids before my pride."

Dillard and her husband, Mike, are now back together. A welder, Mike Dillard was injured during their separation.

"He stays at home now and takes care of the farm and the children," she said. "(Mike) and the kids have gotten a lot closer since I came back to school."

Prior to the spring 1989 semester, Dillard had accumulated almost 30 hours. Because of problems which arose with her children, she had to drop out of school.

"I went from all A's and B's and made F's," Dillard said. "I applied for academic bankruptcy for spring 1989."

"When I went to do this,

children: 8-year-old Lourisha, 7-year-old Jonathan and Gregory, 6-year-old Davida, and 5-year old Debra and Elizabeth as well.

"My oldest daughter was a

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— Janis Dillard

the registrar told me I made the dean's honor list for last semester. I didn't even know what the dean's list was."

Dillard will find out tomorrow if she qualifies for academic bankruptcy.

Dillard said her volunteerism in the Head Start program has not only helped her, but her chil-

really troubled child," she said. "It really brought her out of her shell."

"She's in the third grade, but is now at a sixth-grade learning level in most of her classes."

Dillard pays for her tuition through a Pell Grant and Perkins Loan. She has received help from the Futures program with day-

care expenses and a gas allowance.

"When my car broke down, it helped me get a battery," she said. "They do everything they can possibly do to keep you in school, if that's what you want."

Dillard hopes to be off welfare by the 1994 fall semester.

"People don't realize how bad statements like 'God, you're on welfare' make us feel," she said. "When we can't take care of our children and have to rely on the government to feed them."

"Once you are on it, it is so hard to get off."

Dillard said she eventually would have returned to Southern to finish her degree. However, her participation in Futures sped the process up.

"I probably would not have come back for three to four years, until my oldest daughter could watch the kids," she said. "Without school help and Futures, I wouldn't be here."

"I'd be a lost case in the cracks."

**REFORM ANALYSIS**

## Which works sticks or carrots?

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**A** recent report from Mathematica Policy Research Inc. adds another chapter to the years-old welfare-reform debate: Which works better? Carrots or sticks? That is, which is more successful in moving recipients from welfare check to paycheck—those approaches that make use of threats of punishment ("sticks") or those that highlight incentives and opportunities ("carrots").

The Mathematica study evaluated the Teen-age Parent Demonstration initiative begun in 1986. A total of 5,297 female teen-agers who were first-time parents and receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) were monitored. About half were in a control group receiving no special services while the other half received "enhanced" services. The demonstration group had to participate or their benefit checks were "sanctioned"—taking between \$160 and \$168 a month away from the families.

This was an important population to study. Whereas the majority of AFDC recipients receive benefits for less than two years, the odds are that teen parents will remain on

welfare and in poverty longer. More than half will have another child within two years, and only one-fourth will have regular contact with their children's fathers.

The "sticks" side of the welfare reform debate claims the Mathematica study as a victory in its column. The report notes: "The mandatory participation requirement and sanction policy compelled many of the teen-age parents to get involved in the program and maintain their participation. The sanction policy was especially helpful in gaining initial cooperation with participation as...two-thirds of the young mothers responded only after the threat of a sanction."

Yet the "carrot" contingent will also note that Mathematica's study found that opportunities and service were essential to keeping teen-age mothers in school. The executive summary of the report, edited by Rebecca A. Maynard, says:

"The cornerstone of the program intervention was case management. Case managers' responsibilities (included)...conducting individual assessments to determine supportive service needs;...helping resolve impediments to partory endeavors; a moni-

toring program participation. The demonstration programs also provided a rich array of services to complement the case management—workshops, child-care assistance, transportation assistance, and counseling." For many young mothers, the study also says, the case managers served as role models or surrogate parents.

The good news from the report is that teens receiving the enhanced services were 19 percent more likely to continue school, job training, and/or employment than those in the control group. The less-than-good news was that there was no significant difference in subsequent pregnancies or in poverty rates among the groups. The success rates were highest among very young mothers, so perhaps we do get a clear signal that early intervention is the paramount rule.

So which works better, the "carrot" or the "stick"? Or did the Teen-age Parent Demonstration opt for the best choice, a combination of threats and supports?

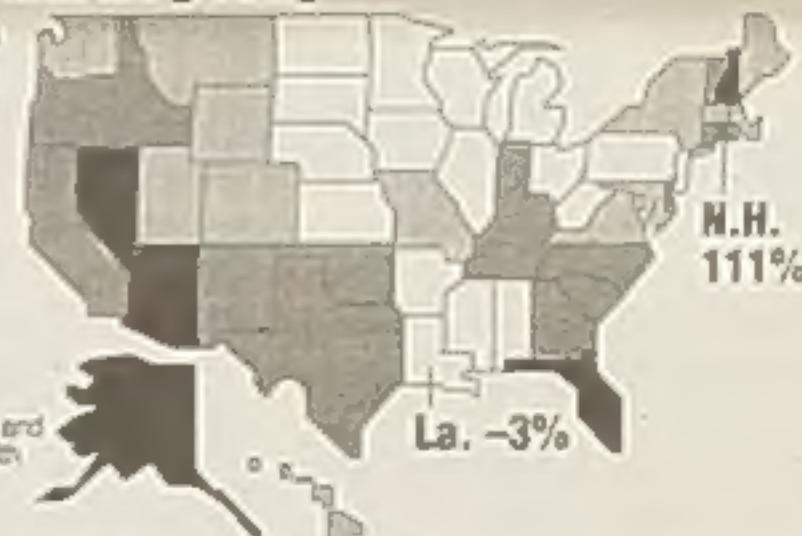
The Reform Organization of Welfare contends that a successful welfare program

**Where welfare rolls are growing**

Percent change in AFDC caseloads from 1989 to April 1993:

- 3.0% to 25%
- 25% to 40%
- 40% to 75%
- 75% or more

SOURCE: House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Human Services Department



depends on flexible and individualized approaches. Most welfare recipients do not need threats of benefit cuts study or to care for their children well. Most just need opportunities and support that are missing: transportation; affordable, quality child care; services for a sick or incapacitated relative for whom they might care; access to health insurance; job openings at livable wages; etc.

Before blame is placed, we should make sure we know the facts. This demonstration report tells of one case manager's discovery that a young mother was missing classes not out of laziness or stubbornness, but because she and her partner had to sleep in shifts so that one of them could guard their baby's crib against rats at all times. Individualized case management can uncover the very real and shocking

difficulties that are often hidden in what we would all too readily assume are attitude problems.

It is easy to wish that threats could motivate change in AFDC parents who are uncooperative and irresponsible. The problem in using withdrawal of income as some form of "Tough Love" is that there is no making a parent poorer without having the same impact on their children. If punishment seems the only hope of changing a parent, perhaps we must find a way to remove the children from sharing in the parents' consequences.

When we focus on improving education, on job creation and making work pay adequately, on early intervention with families in trouble, on eradication of sexism, classism and racism and on safer neighborhoods, we are concentrating on the kind of welfare reform that is most likely to succeed. Prevention is always more costly than remediation in the short-term, but it is our best hope of improving the quality of life for all.

**MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

# Welfare reform may dominate session

Special committees mull changes concerning time limits, benefits

**By KAYLEA HUTSON**

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**W**hen the 1994 legislative session begins in January, welfare reform will be a high priority.

Two governing committees are currently looking at Missouri's welfare system in order to determine the state's needs.

"I think it will be a very critical year for welfare reform," said Jeanette Mott Oxford, executive director of the Reform Organization for Welfare. "It is a priority for both the executive branch and the legislative branch."

"With [President] Clinton having his national welfare reform committee meeting, it will be a big year in the federal government also. Fortunately Clinton's plans allow for flexibility for the states to experiment."

Oxford, who is serving on Gov. Mel Carnahan's task force, said

it is looking at several areas within the welfare system. The areas include economics, family responsibility, education, and transitional benefits.

"We have to stop punishing people for working," Oxford said. "Under the present rules, people are punished if they take a low-wage job."

"Sometimes they can wind up in a lot worse shape [with the job] than they were on welfare."

Oxford said there has been some discussion about increasing the earned income credit. This would increase the amount of money a person can earn without losing welfare benefits.

In addition to the earned income credit increase, the task force is discussing the possibilities of extending the transitional benefits. Oxford said most benefits end within 12 months after a recipient finds a job.

"That's not enough time for folks to gain the money for child care without risking their rent or utility bills," she said. "[We] are hurting people trying to get a leg up out of poverty."

While Clinton's reform plan calls for a benefit cut-off at two years, Oxford believes it is unrealistic to set time limits.

"Two years is not enough when we are talking about people with a whole lifetime of abuse to deal with," she said. "Most people don't become welfare dependent. This is temporary, emergency assistance."

At the two-year mark, Oxford said there should be some sort of assessment done to discover why the client is still needing welfare assistance.

In addition to the governor's task force, an interim committee comprised of House and Senate members is also looking at the reform issues. Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said the committee is focusing on

issues beyond welfare, including preventive health care.

"We have been looking at a program conducted in Wisconsin which withholds welfare checks from parents who do not have their children immunized," Singleton said. "We aren't telling them they have to have their children immunized, but are using it as an incentive to having healthy children."

He said the committee wants to focus on wellness and responsibility.

"Are we providing the right kind of services?" Singleton asked. "How can we help people to become productive?"

One issue which developed during the Senate's 1993 legislative session but did not come up for a vote concerned women who continue to have children even after becoming a welfare mother.

"Approximately 10,000 welfare mothers had additional children while on welfare last year," Singleton said. "Some senators question why people continue to have children when they can't afford to have

the ones they already have."

He said the proposed issue looks at whether a welfare parent will receive the additional funds for children born after they begin to receive benefits.

Oxford said this is not a new issue and is one based on "stereotypes and misconceptions."

"The Family Size Cap has come up for [discussion] for the past three years," she said. "By taking away [benefits], it means the children will be growing up in greater poverty."

She said approximately 75 percent of the families receiving assistance have two children or less, with 1.9 the average number of children.

"What happens if someone's birth control fails?" Oxford asked. "Is the state saying 'Have an abortion?' This is getting into some mighty private and religious issues."

She said there are other problems which need to be addressed if women continue to have children once on welfare, rather than simply punishment or loss of AFDC benefits.

"It harms people so much to have to be beggars," Oxford said.

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tunities for jobs and advancement."

The program also provides peer support for the participants.

"Once they are going into the work force, we monitor them for 90 days," Neil said. "This way they are not on their own, but are part of a support group."

Neil said Futures has been highly successful in this area.

"We have had 59 families that have left the welfare roles," she said. "For whatever reason, they were able to get employment and stayed off [assistance]."

"We have never given people an opportunity to do this before. It is more focused on the primary needs of the clients."

In the four-county area, 51 Futures clients are pursuing a post-secondary education at Missouri Southern, Crowder College, and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Twenty-nine are pursuing a vocational education at the area technical schools.

"They can be in the Futures program for as long as they want," Neil said, "as long as they are working toward meeting their goals and working satisfactorily."

Neil said the Futures clients

are high-achieving people.

"There is a misconception about welfare clients—that our clients are bums, that they don't care, that they are dirty and steal," Neil said. "But we have had high scholastic people with 4.0 GPAs, who graduate with top honors, and who make the dean's list."

"It takes a lot of courage, because a lot have not had the family support that a normal family has."

## BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

### Potential problems the Futures program works to eliminate to meet clients' goals

#### LACK OF EDUCATION: Basic literacy to college degree

#### LACK OF CHILDCARE: Pay costs of childcare

#### LACK OF SOCIALIZATION: Life skills classes, counseling, positive motivation

#### LACK OF EXPERIENCE: Volunteering, work study, on-the-job training

#### LACK OF JOB SEARCH SKILLS: Job Club, resumes, networking

#### LACK OF TRANSPORTATION: \$5 per day reimbursement, limited car repairs

Source: Jasper County DFS

KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chan

"By the time the semester started I had my GED, my ACT scores, my driver's license, bought my first car and had it licensed," she said, "and I was in the Futures program."

With her criminal justice major, Meyer hopes to become a probation and parole officer. Through the Futures program, she may have the opportunity to work at the probation and parole office in Joplin.

"I originally intended to be a lawyer, and that is still my goal," Meyer said. "For now, I really need to raise my kids."

She said after her children are older, she will pursue a law degree. Meyer said her ultimate goal is to become a judge.

Meyer said Futures has helped her gain more confidence about her abilities as a person.

"With Futures, I wasn't just stepping out on thin air," she said. "There was something to

catch me if I fell."

"They (Futures case managers) don't treat you like you are not capable of being as good as them. They treat you as a friend, and they listen."

Meyer said this program has many benefits.

"It is a good program for someone who doesn't have anything to depend on or to back them up and keep going."

Meyer said Teresa August, her case manager, has been especially encouraging.

"Anytime I need her I can call her and just cry on her shoulder," she said. "They are really good for both your confidence by pointing out things which you might not see."

Meyer has received financial assistance with a gasoline allowance and day-care expenses for her two sons, 9-year-old Jake and 11-year-old Nathan.

"When I think I might like to quit, I know that there is someone there saying 'No, it's not the time to quit,'" Meyer said. "I keep trying to take it one day at a time."

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